

REMARKS

As discussed during a telephone call with Examiner Wells on approximately Nov. 28, 2005, the instant amendment adds two additional dependent claims, which recite elements forming the comparison means. No new matter is added by the foregoing amendment. It is noted that the term "OTA" is supported by the specification as it is expressly set forth therein multiple times, and it is known in the art that the term "OTA" corresponds to an operational transconductance amplifier as evidenced by the enclosed publication by Dallas Semiconductor available on the internet. Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, an additional petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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